

HE FEARED INSANITY

J. Clark Baldwin Commits
Suicide in His Room.

USES 38 CALIBRE REVOLVER

Bullet Entered Right Temple
Death Resulting Instantly.

TWENTY-ONE YEARS OLD

Worked Yesterday as Usual
in Grit Printery.

TROUBLED WITH CATARRH

Constant Worrying Over His
Health Caused the Deed.

LEFT SEVERAL MESSAGES

Stating the Disposition of His
Belongings.

My excuse is poor health and fear of
insanity. Love is all, may God forgive me
in my prayer.

Pay H. V. Kelly, Lock Box 244 Topka,
Kansas, \$500 on bicycle. Ernie
Hallowell at Mercantile store, \$50 on
overcoat. If you deem best, give P. H.
Alexander the press. Let Bess take
all property. Reimburse Uncle Sam
well for what he has done for me.
Remember my insurance pays suicide.
Find burial ticket on stand.

TO MISS SLADE.

My Dear Girl—This is probably my
last word to you. Let them be for my
forgiveness for I know I am wronging
you by this act. I have sinned against
God and man. Destroy the ring, my
pictures and forget there ever was
such a person as I. I am a weak, driv-
eling idiot. I can no longer recognize
myself to the world. My life would
have been taken long ago had it not
been for you. I think it better to take
my life now, than to live and make
things unhappy for all around me.

May God keep you and preserve you,
in my prayer. CLARK.

Last night, just a few minutes before
10 o'clock, J. Clark Baldwin, well known
employee of the Grit Printery, well known
over the city, committed suicide, using a
38-calibre revolver, shooting himself in
the right temple, at the base of his
head, Rev. J. S. McGinnis, 241 South
Douglas avenue. From the appearance of
the body when found death must have
been instantaneous. The cause is sup-
posed to have been as stated, poor health
and a fear of insanity. The young man
had not been well for some time. He was
21 years of age.

It was some little time after the shot
was fired before the suicide was known
of. The members of the family were down
stairs in the sitting room as usual in the
evening. The young man had come into
the house just before 10 o'clock, and had
gone up to his room. The members of
the family did not notice any difference
in his manner, and as it was his custom
to enter his room after coming from his
work, nothing was thought of it. While
sitting in the room down stairs the
family heard a noise and a gasp as
though something was falling, upstairs.
The remark was made that Clark must
have knocked a chair over. But the fam-
ily did not think anything about the
noise, nor did they hear the report of the
revolver. In a few minutes, hearing no
noise in the room, Rev. McGinnis went up
stairs and tried the door, but found it
locked. Knowing that the young man
had not been feeling well, he did not
wish to disturb him, and went down
stairs again. In a little while the even-
ing meal was prepared and ready for the
members of the family, and Rev. Mc-
Ginnis stepped to the doorway and called
the young man a number of times. There
was no response, and he felt that the
family became a little uneasy. Thinking
of the noise that had been heard earlier
in the evening, Rev. McGinnis went up
to the room again. The door was still
locked, and he called the name of the
young man several times, but there was
no response. Hearing nothing, he went on
the suicide, procuring a ladder and en-
tered the room through the window. It
was then that the family first knew of
the suicide.

Room in Its Usual Condition.

The room was in its usual condition.
Nothing was disturbed. There were some
notes and papers on the table by the side
of the bed, and these had been preserved
by the landlady just before he com-
mitted the deed which resulted in his
death. The body was on the floor, the
head under one side of the bed, and the
feet to the east, partially under the table.
The revolver was clutched in the right
hand and the young man was dressed in
the same clothes that he had worn
during the day. There was no indication
of a struggle, and when the landlady
came there was a little pool of blood on
the carpet. There were blood stains on
the face, and at the right temple was a
bullet hole which in itself was enough to
tell the story of the suicide. It appeared
that the young man had been attending
before the mirror, when, being on his
knees, he had fired the revolver, and the
bullet had entered the temple.

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muzzle of the weapon which was to take
his life. Everything indicated that the
deed was committed in this manner, look-
ing in the glass at the trigger of the
weapon was pulled.

Rev. McGinnis, after having discovered
the body of the unfortunate young man
immediately notified the family of the
sad affair, and they in turn notified Cor-
oner McCollister of the suicide. The body
was left in the room until the coroner
came, and then the examination was
held. There was nothing but a few pri-
vate papers in the pockets of the coat,
and the notes on the table were the only
clues to the cause of the deed.

After talking with members of the fam-
ily and others regarding the young man
and the condition of his health during
the past few months, it was determined
that an inquest was not necessary unless
the members of the family should demand
it. The body was taken to the undertak-
ing establishment of L. W. Gill to be pre-
pared for burial.

He Suffered From Catarrh
For a number of months the young man
had been suffering from catarrh in the
throat, and some time ago catarrh de-
veloped in his stomach, which gave him
much pain and caused him much worry.
At times the disease gave him no trouble,
and he was himself again. At other
times his associates noticed that there
was something the matter with him and
that he continually brooded over his con-
dition. His friends tried to cheer him up
and at times succeeded, but within a
short time he would develop the same
morbid symptoms, and it was noticed
that he brooded over his condition more
and more.

This young man's health became such
that he contemplated going to Califor-
nia next week to spend some time in
hopes of recovering his former good con-
dition. He talked about the trip fre-
quently, and those who worked with him
in the printing office thought that the
matter had been settled.

Night before last the young man at-
tended the show at the opera house and
appeared in good spirits while there. He
talked with the employees of the opera
house, and in company with a young
lady saw the work of changing the
scenes for the different acts of the show.
Yesterday morning he appeared at the
Grit office feeling better than he had
been for some time. On the previous
day during the afternoon he had rode
his wheel out to College Hill and was an
interested spectator in the golf games
in progress there at that time. In the
evening he returned and, as stated
above, attended the performance at the
Crawford.

Was a Trusted Employee.

Clark Baldwin had been an employee of
the Grit Printery something like two
years. He bought a printing press and
opened it at the plant. He was one of
the trusted employees of the institution
and was well liked by those with whom
he associated in his daily work. The
plant is under the control of P. H. Alex-
ander, and this man probably knew more
about the condition of Baldwin's affairs
than anyone else in the city. His state-
ment, set forth in a reporter for the
Eagle is as follows:

"Clark Baldwin had been in our office
for something like two years. We could
not have asked for a better young man,
and the service that he gave us was
splendid. He was always obliging and
perfectly reliable, and we never suspect-
ed that he ever had any thoughts of suicide.
Some time last December he was trouble-
d more than usual with catarrh, and it de-
veloped in his stomach. This made him
very gloomy, and a few weeks ago he in-
timated to me that he thought he would
lose his reason. I tried to talk him out
of that idea. I told him he must get
out and away from the office, and that
he could see whenever he wanted to. He
did go away at times for several hours,
and when he came back he always felt
better. He talked of going to California,
and as he had plenty of money there
was no excuse for his not going. Wed-
nesday afternoon he came to me and
stated that he had to get out for a
while, and rode off on his wheel. I think
that he went to College Hill. When he
came back on the following morning he
said 'I feel much better and I think
that I will be all right.' I noticed that
he worked faster and seemed to be in
better spirits than for several days, and
I thought that he would get all right. In
the afternoon he began to get gloomy,
and at times would sit and stare at the
wall as though thinking intently. I
thought nothing about that part of it,
as he had done the same thing often be-
fore. His steps talked to me about his
health, but I never suspected that he
would do a thing like this. About 3
o'clock yesterday I went out of the office
and was gone for some time. Clark was
at work then and when I returned he
was not there. I thought nothing of that,
but supposed that he would return about
5, as he usually did, and stay a little
while before we closed down. He did not
return, and the first that I saw of him
after my leaving was in his room after
he had committed suicide. There was
nothing that would lead us to believe
that he would do such a thing, and it
seems very hard to realize it yet. A few
young men I never knew, and no one
can say a word against his character."

W. W. Daily's Statement.

W. W. Daily, who was in the Grit of-
fice when Baldwin left, said:
"It was about 4 o'clock when I was in
the office, and Clark was working there.
I had heard him talk about his health,
but thought that he would get better. I
noticed him stop his work and stand still
as though thinking intently. He started
away from his case, but after a few
steps he stopped and stood as though
thinking intently on something. After
he had stood for a few moments
he walked up to his desk and sat down
for the day. Before reaching the
door he put on his coat and pulling his
coat down over his eyes started away.
That was the last I saw of him. He did
not say anything to me nor I to him,
but I could not help but notice his man-
ner. The way in which he pulled his coat
down over his face indicated to me that
he was contemplating something and had
fully made up his mind to accomplish
the object in view."

"The young man had talked to me
about the condition of his health, but at
the office we had tried to cheer him up,
I had told him that it was as serious as
catarrh, but he would be better soon,
and he would be all right. He never said
anything to me when he left here, and I
could not see that he had decided to do
anything, and was determined to complete it."

Engaged to be Married.

For some time Clark Baldwin had been
engaged to be married to Miss J. J. J.
Slade of this city. They had been en-
gaged for several months, and while the
wedding day had not been determined
upon, yet it was understood that it was
to be some time within the next few
months. Miss Slade was a very beautiful
and well educated girl and it was only
on the previous evening that they had
been together and had been very happy
about the condition of his health. The
two had often talked over the condition
of affairs and he had intimated to Miss
Slade that he feared the loss of his
reason as a result of his worry over his
health. Miss Slade tried to change that
idea and stated that nothing of the kind

would occur. He rather insisted on it
and had talked over the California trip
with her. She, as one of his friends
thought, concluded that it would be a
good thing for him and supposed that he
would take the trip in hopes of recover-
ing his health.

When the letter, which was written to
her just before the deed was committed,
was presented to her by a friend, it was
the first intimation that Miss Slade had
of the suicide.

Clark Baldwin had lived in Wichita for
a number of years. He attended the pub-
lic schools of the city and entered the
High school, graduating from that in-
stitution with the class of 1898. He was
well liked by the members of his class
and was recognized everywhere as a very
bright young man with an excellent fu-
ture before him. The friendships formed
in the High school were lasting and only
a short time ago the young man was
instrumental in having a class gathering
in which he took an active part. After
graduating from the High school he
entered the Friends' university during
the first year of the institution. He was
an excellent student there and was well
liked by both students and instructors.
After having taken a short course of
work in the school he went into the city
and was employed as a printer. He very
frequently attended entertainments at
the university and enjoyed the time spent
as a student in that institution. He was an all-around athlete
and contented in the athletics of both the
High school, Friends' university and at
the time was one of the players on the
Fairmount college team. He was much
interested in athletics and at nearly
every event was an attendant.

Seen on Streets Yesterday.

Yesterday afternoon the young man
was seen around the city and met a num-
ber of acquaintances. A reporter for the
Eagle met him near the corner of Main
and First streets, and a few words were
passed. He was asked about his health
and he replied: "I think that I will be
better soon." His face presented a
slightly drawn appearance, but aside from
that there was nothing in his manner or
speech that would indicate that he had
any design on his own life. He never
around town talked with him, and no one
thought that he could possibly think of
committing suicide. Just where he went
after leaving the Grit office is not known,
but a number of people met him after
having been on North Main street. The
relative of the young man were almost
prostrate over the death of one of the
members of the family. Owing to the fact
that his father and mother were dead,
Baldwin had made his home with his
uncle, Rev. McGinnis, and he had charge
of the property left the young man by
the death of his mother.

Rev. McGinnis stated last night: "It
seems very hard to think of our relative
committing suicide. We had no intima-
tion that he ever thought of such a
thing. He had talked to us about the
condition of his health and we had not
thought that often times he was very
gloomy, but there was never a thought
that it was as serious as this. He was
as a son to us and had lived in our home
for a number of years. We could not
have asked for a better young man in our
home and his character was above re-
proach. It was his custom to go to his
room after returning from his work, and
even after we heard something of his
trouble we thought that it could be su-
perior. After having made two visits to his room
and receiving no response to my calls, I
began to suspect that something was
wrong and immediately secured a wheel-
barrow and reached his window. I then saw
that he had committed suicide, and it was
evident when I reached him that he had
been dead for some time. We know of no
cause but ill health for the deed, and as
stated before, had no idea that it was as
serious as this. He had never talked
about fearing insanity to us and that
note left by him is the only clue that we
ever had in that respect."

Was Well Off Financially.

Financially the young man was well off.
By his father's estate, he was recently
turned over to him, he was the owner of
several farms in Kansas, and a part of the
city. He had city property in various
parts of Wichita, and besides that had
something like \$500 on deposit in the Kan-
sas National bank. He was earning a
good salary at the Grit office and was not
a young man to spend his money for un-
necessary things. In December he re-
ceived his majority and had inherited the
property inherited was turned over to his
care.

The matter of finances regarding the
California trip did not bother him. It was
simply a question whether or not he
would be benefited by the change. The
city property was thought to be a very
valuable and constantly increasing in
value and in this respect the young man
stated often that he was well off for a
young man of his age.

To those who knew Clark Baldwin
well, his was a magnificent character. He
was always a gentleman, and treated
everyone alike. His closest friends at-
tributed him for the sterling qualities which
made the true man and as a friend he
was sincere at all times. His manner
was quiet. He was not talkative. He
did little to say, but when he did state
his mind on a subject, it was with a
manner which showed that he was
duration long enough for him to realize
that his position was solid. His manner
was determined and he was an individual
who, when his mind was made up would
carry out his decision to the end. This
probably accounts for the preparation he
made for the suicide and the termination
of his project.

It would be impossible to find a friend
on the campus of Clark Baldwin today
who has a hard word to say of the young
man in his former life. To one who knew
him well he was a splendid companion.
Calm, cool and a perfect gentleman at all
times. His habits were above reproach,
and while quiet, his brilliant recovery
was such that it commanded respect at
all times. As a student, he was not so
the others in this city who have worked
hard and long to equal the grade made
by the young man in his daily voca-
tion.

Appeared to be Happy.

Yesterday afternoon Baldwin, while in
the Grit office, was watching some of the
Crawford Opera house employees in their
work of taking posters for another at-
traction. He talked and laughed with
them as usual, and there was nothing at
that time that would indicate that he
even contemplated such a thing as su-
icide. The same persons were around
last night when they heard of the act of
the young man. Yesterday morning there
were a number of visitors in the office.

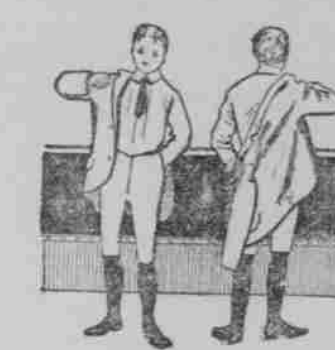
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and Baldwin talked with them and his
manner was more cordial than usual. It
must have been the impulse of the mo-
ment that caused him to descend to
taking his life and with will power which
was his, his determination was carried
out.

There is a sister of the young man,
Miss Beulah Baldwin, at Larned, Kan.
She is a professional nurse and has been
in the city often. She and her brother
were perhaps drawn closer together than
is usual owing to the fact that their pa-
rents were dead. It has not been a great
while since the two visited together and a
while since from New England a corres-
pondence was kept up. The sister was
portly last night of the death of her
brother and will probably arrive today.
There are other relatives in the city, and
an uncle at Larned. All were notified
last night of the act.

It is not known just when the funeral
will be. The arrangements will probably
be made after the arrival of relatives
today. It was impossible to determine
anything about the matter last night, and
the relatives will probably be present
about that part of the affair.

Within a short time after the suicide
occurred it was known over the city. The
young man's friends would hardly realize
that such a thing had actually occurred.
The past life of the well known young
man was talked over, and his former
discrepancies and associates deplored the
action which resulted in the taking of his
own life. The only possible explanation
is that given by himself: the condition of
his health and fear of insanity. It would

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be hard for the friends of Clark Baldwin
to believe anything else. Cheering words
might have prevented such an action, and
there are many today who would gladly
have given such comfort had they known
of the condition of the young man's mind
in regard to the deed.

Had Insurance Policies.
It is not known just where the receiver
came from with which he took his life.
It is thought to have been one he had
secured at Larned last fall. For some
time he had been in the city.

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